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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant is not aware of any specific prior art, which relates to mechanical arm assemblies, as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's attention is, however, directed to the background discussion in the application as it relates to various mechanical arm assemblies. More specifically, within the background discussion, reference is first made to three types of mechanical jacks, lever operated jacks, screw operated jacks, and hydraulic jacks. Reference is next made to robotic arms, which are known to incorporate a variety of mechanisms. None of these structures is believed to utilize the structures claimed in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that his application presents new, useful and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicant be contacted at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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